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FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of food processing industries and cold storages in Gujarat;

(b) the details of the proposed locations for food processing industries alongwith the products to be processed there; and

(c) the funds allocated by the Government for this purpose alongwith the funds spent thereon during the last three years, till date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/Establishment of Food Processing Units and for Setting up of Infrastructure Projects such as Food Parks, Cold Chains, etc. in various States in the country, including Gujarat. The Food Processing Industries are both in organised and unorgnised sectors and as such data on food processing units in the country is not centrally maintained. However, the Ministry has received 56 applications for Setting Up/ Expansion/ Modernisation of Food Processing Industries and 9 applications for setting up of Cold Storages in Gujarat since 1997-98. These units are spread over various districts of Gujarat namely Ahmedabad, Valsad, Surat, Bhavnagar, Anand, Mehsana, Gandhinagar, Kheda, Morbi, Rajkot, Baroda, Kutch, Sabarkantha, Navsari, Gandhidham, Porbandar, etc. The products processed in these units cover fruits and vegetables, edible oil refinery, solvent extraction, seafood, spices, rice, flour, pulses, potato chips, bakery & confectionery items, biscuits, ready-to-eat snack foods and other consumer items. The cold storages are used for storage of post harvest horticultural items such as fresh fruits & vegetables as well as frozen foods, etc.

(c): The funds allocated for the above Schemes and the expenditure thereon during the last three years namely, 2004- 05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 and till date during the current year are as follows:-

(Rupees crores)

Year	Scheme for Setting Up, etc.		Scheme for Infrastructure Development #	
	Funds allocated	Actual Expenditure	Funds allocated	Actual Expenditure
2004-05	48.50	51.14	10.00	11.82
2005-06	68.40	69.81	10.00	15.65
2006-07	79.70	82.19	13.60	13.21
2007-08 (till 3.12.2007)	80.00	63.66	100.00	07.37

#The allocation of funds and expenditure indicated are for the entire scheme covering various components including cold storages. Further, the above allocation/expenditure are for the whole scheme covering all the States/UTs in the country. The expenditure on two cold storages sanctioned during 2004-05 and 2005-06 is Rs.44.20 lakhs.